

Current Status of All Claims in the Application:

1. (Currently Amended) A trampoline comprising:

a base frame having a substantially non-rectangular perimeter region frame, an interior region frame and a plurality of legs that are coupled to the perimeter region frame and that support the perimeter region frame above a support surface, wherein at least approximately 25 percent of the total length of the perimeter region frame is curved; wherein the perimeter region frame encircles the interior region frame, and wherein the interior region frame is positioned substantially between and at least partly spaced apart from the perimeter region frame and the bed;

a bed suspension assembly that includes a plurality of resilient members;
and

a bed that is attached to the base frame with the bed suspension assembly to place the bed in tension, the bed having a pair of substantially parallel first sides.

2. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 1 wherein the bed includes a pair of substantially parallel second sides.

3. (Original) The trampoline of claim 1 wherein the bed includes a pair of second sides, each second side being substantially arc-shaped.

4. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 1 wherein the perimeter region of the base frame is substantially oval-shaped.

5. (Currently Amended) The trampoline of claim 1 wherein the perimeter region frame of the base frame is substantially circular-shaped.

6. (Currently Amended) The trampoline of claim 1 further comprising a first side section and a first side suspension that couples the first side section to the base frame, the first side section having a first inner side that is substantially linear and a first outer side that is substantially arc-shaped, the first side suspension and the first side section cooperating to connect the perimeter region frame to the interior region frame.

7. (Currently Amended) The trampoline of claim 6 further comprising a second side section and a second side suspension that couples the second side section to the base frame, the second side section having a second inner side that is substantially linear and a second outer side that is substantially arc-shaped, wherein the bed is positioned substantially between the first side section and the second side section, the second side suspension and the second side section cooperating to connect the perimeter region frame to the interior region frame.

8. (Original) The trampoline of claim 7 wherein the first side suspension includes a plurality of resilient members that support the first side section, and the second side suspension includes a plurality of resilient members that support the second side section.

9. (Original) The trampoline of claim 8 wherein the first inner side of the first side section and the second inner side of the second side section are each substantially parallel to the first pair of sides of the bed.

10. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 8 further comprising a first end section, a first end suspension that couples the first end section to the base frame, a second end section and a second end suspension that couples the second end section to the base frame, the first end section having a first inner side that is substantially linear and a first outer side that is substantially arc-shaped, and the second end section having a second inner side that is substantially linear and a second outer side that is substantially arc-shaped.

11. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 10 wherein the first end suspension includes a plurality of resilient members that support the first end section, and the second end suspension includes a plurality of resilient members that support the second end section.

12. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 1 wherein the bed is substantially rectangular-shaped.

13. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 1 further comprising a substantially horizontal first end region that extends away from the perimeter region of the base frame in a direction away from the bed.

14. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 13 further comprising a substantially horizontal second end region that extends from the perimeter region of the base frame in a direction away from the bed, wherein the bed is positioned directly between the first end region and the second end region.

15. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 1 further comprising an attachment including a plurality of arc-shaped, backstop frames that are mounted to the base frame, wherein (i) an apex of each backstop frame is positioned above the base frame, (ii) the apex of each backstop frame is spaced apart from the apex of each of the other backstop frames, and (iii) each backstop frame is connected to at least one of the other backstop frames.

16. (Currently Amended) A trampoline comprising:

a base frame having a substantially planar perimeter region frame that includes at least one arc-shaped sections section, and an interior region frame that is at least partly spaced apart from the perimeter region frame, the perimeter region frame substantially encircling the interior region frame;

a bed suspension assembly;

a bed that is coupled to the base frame with the first bed suspension assembly, the bed having a pair of substantially parallel first sides;

a first side section having a first inner side that is substantially linear and a first outer side that substantially follows a contour of a portion of one of the arc-shaped sections of the perimeter region frame, the first inner side being substantially parallel to the pair of first sides of the bed;

a first side suspension that couples the first side section to the base frame;

a second side section having a second inner side that is substantially linear and a second outer side that substantially follows a contour of a portion of one of the arc-shaped sections of the perimeter region, the second inner side of the second side section being substantially parallel to the pair of first sides of the bed; and

a second side suspension that couples the second side section to the base frame.

17. (Withdrawn) The trampoline of claim 16 further comprising (i) a first end section having a first inner side that is substantially linear and a second outer side that substantially follows a contour of a portion of one of the arc-shaped sections of the perimeter region, (ii) a first end suspension that couples the first end section to the base frame, (iii) a second end section having a second inner side that is substantially linear and a second outer side that substantially follows a contour of a portion of one of the arc-shaped sections of the perimeter region, and (iv) a second end suspension that couples the second end section to the base frame.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a trampoline, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a base frame having a substantially non-rectangular perimeter region frame, an interior region frame, and a plurality of legs that are coupled to the perimeter region frame and that support the perimeter region frame above a support surface, wherein at least approximately 25 percent of the total length of the perimeter region frame is curved, wherein the interior region frame is positioned substantially between and at least partly spaced apart from the perimeter region frame and the bed; and wherein the perimeter region frame substantially encircles the interior region frame; and

coupling a bed having a pair of substantially parallel first sides to the base frame with a bed suspension assembly, the bed suspension assembly including a plurality of resilient members that extend between the base frame and the bed.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the step of providing a base frame includes providing a base frame with a continuously curved perimeter.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising the steps of (i) providing a first side section having a first inner side that is substantially linear and a first outer side that substantially follows a contour of a portion of the perimeter region, the first inner side being substantially parallel to the pair of first sides of the bed, (ii) coupling the first side section to the base frame with a first side suspension, (iii) providing a second side section having a second inner side that is substantially linear and a second outer side that substantially follows a contour of a portion of the perimeter region, the second inner side being substantially parallel to the pair of first sides of the bed, and (iv) coupling the second side section to the base frame with a second side suspension.

21. (New) A method for manufacturing a trampoline, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a base frame having a continuously curved perimeter region and a plurality of legs that are coupled to the perimeter region and that support the perimeter region above a support surface; and

coupling a bed having a pair of substantially parallel first sides to the base frame with a bed suspension assembly, the bed suspension assembly including plurality of resilient members that extend between the base frame and the bed;

providing a first side section having a first inner side that is substantially linear and a first outer side that substantially follows a contour of a portion of the perimeter region, the first inner side being substantially parallel to the pair of first sides of the bed;

coupling the first side section to the base frame with a first side suspension;

providing a second side section having a second inner side that is substantially linear and a second outer side that substantially follows a contour of a portion of the perimeter region, the second inner side being substantially parallel to the pair of first sides of the bed; and

coupling the second side section to the base frame with a second side suspension.

22. (New) A trampoline for use on a support surface, the trampoline comprising:

a trampoline bed that includes a pair of substantially parallel sides;

a base frame having a substantially non-rectangular perimeter region frame, an interior region frame and a plurality of legs that are coupled to the base frame and that support the base frame above the support surface; wherein the perimeter region frame encircles the interior region frame, and wherein the interior region frame is positioned substantially between and at least partly spaced apart from the perimeter region frame and the bed; and

a bed suspension assembly that includes a plurality of resilient members that attach the bed to the base frame to place the bed in tension.

23. (New) The trampoline of claim 22 wherein the interior region frame includes a pair of generally straight sides.

24. (New) The trampoline of claim 22 further comprising a first side section and a first side suspension that cooperate to connect the perimeter region frame to the interior region frame.